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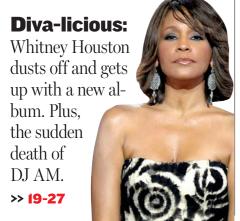
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Raging Calif. Wildfire Threatens Thousands



HIGH HEAT: Raymond Shing waters down the roof of his neighbor's house as the out-of-control wildfire approaches houses in Los Angeles. on Sunday.

The spreading blaze headed north, threatening up to I2,000 California residents. Damage Control: Calif. firefighters race to contain the blaze | Page 3

Cheney: CIA Probe Is Political

Former VP says DOJ succumbing to left-wing pressure

WASHINGTON | Besieged during the Bush administration for bending to the White House's will, the Justice Department is again accused of playing politics with cases — this time in investigating whether CIA interrogators illegally abused terror suspects.

The new charges were led Sunday by former vice president Dick Cheney, who called the preliminary probe ordered last week by Attorney General Eric Holder an "outrageous political act that will do great damage, long term." $\,$

"I just think it's an outrageous precedent to set, to have this kind of, I think, intensely partisan, politicized look back at the prior administration," Cheney said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday."

Cheney lashed out at Holder for what he called a reversal of an earlier pledge by President Obama not to pursue criminal charges against CIA interrogators who sought information from terror suspects about threats against the United States.

Among the interrogation methods allowed under the Bush administration was waterboarding, which critics call a form of torture that has since been banned.

Cheney said the harsh tactics were used to save Americans' lives in the wake of Sept. 11. "Now they get a little heat from the left wing of the Democratic Party and they're reversing course on that," Cheney said. (AP)





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BFF Forced to Use **'He's Just Not That Into You' Line**

Police in Ferndale, Mich., say a first date went from bad to worse when a Detroit man skipped out on the restaurant bill, then stole his date's car. Police say 23-yearold Terrance Dejuan McCoy had dinner with a woman April 24 at Buffalo Wild Wings in the Detroit suburb of Ferndale. The woman says the two met a week earlier at a Detroit casino and she knew McCov only as "Chris." (AP)



EXPERIMENT

Is There a 'Perturbed **Grandpa' Option?**

In Salt Lake City, the Utah Highway Patrol and some local bars hope letting people practice an uncomfortable call from the local lockup will help prevent drinking and driving. A phone number has been set up to recreate what it would feel like to make such a call. After dialing 1-877-JAIL-FON, the caller is given the option to talk to a hysterical mother or a disapproving father, among others. (AP)



Filipino Inmates' Thunder Is Stolen

Thousands of Mexicans claimed they broke the record for the most people dancing to "Thriller" simultaneously in one place on Saturday, which would have been Michael Jackson's 51st birthday. Organizer Javier Hildago claims 12,937 people participated in front of Mexico City's Monument of the Revolution. The current record was set in May by a group of 242 College of William & Mary students. (AP)

PERSPECTIVE

Michael Vick: 'See, I'm Not So Bad'

Authorities in Ocala, Fla., say they've taken more than 400 animals — including sheep, goats, ducks and even four endangered turtles - from a filthy central Florida home. Marion County Sheriff's officials investigated Friday and removed dead and living animals from the home of Ileana Verguizas and Andrew Gonzalo Perez. The animals, many covered in fleas and matted with feces, were kept in crates and pens. (AP)

DECEPTION

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Texas Boaters Found Alive After One Week at Sea

PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS | Three Texas boaters missing for a week were reunited with their families Sunday after they were found alive, sitting on top of their capsized catamaran 180 miles from land, the Coast Guard said.

The three men were reported missing Aug. 22 after they left Matagorda, about 90 miles southwest of Houston, on a fishing trip and never returned.

Coast Guard officials said the men survived the ordeal because they stuck with the boat. They also rationed bubble gum and crackers, and used a hose to suck fresh water out of the internal "washdown" tank.(AP)

HEARSAY | R&R

"The agenda is to try to get a little rest and relaxation. He's looking to get a break from his vacation."

-BILL BURTON, WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN, DISCUSSING THE PRESIDENT'S UPCOMING TRIP TO CAMP DAVID. OBAMA TRIED, AT TIMES UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO VACATION IN MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAST WEEK.



A DC-IO air tanker drops fire retardant on a ridge ahead of a fast-moving wildfire in the Angeles National Forest on Sunday.

Fire Puts 12K Homes at Risk

Rescue teams are struggling to control wildfire outside L.A.

LOS ANGELES | Wildfire threatened 12,000 suburban homes and rained ash on cars as far away as downtown Los Angeles on Sunday, spreading in all directions in hot, dry conditions. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger urged those in the fire's path to listen to authorities and get out.

Firefighters trained their attention on the blaze's fast-moving northern front as more evacuations were ordered in the Los Angeles suburbs.

The blaze was only about 5 percent contained and had scorched 55 square miles in the Angeles National Forest. Mandatory evacuations were in effect for neighbor-

BURN VICTIMS

→ A Los Angeles County Sheriff's official says two people tried to ride out the firestorm in Big Tujunga Canyon in a hot tub and were critically burned. Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said Sunday that the pair "completely underestimated the fire" and the hot tub provided "no protection whatsoever." (AP)

hoods in Glendale, Pasadena and other cities and towns north of Los Angeles. Officials said air quality in parts of the foothills bordered on hazardous.

At least three homes deep in the Angeles National Forest were confirmed destroyed, but firefighters were likely to find others.

Firefighters hoped to keep the blaze from spreading up Mount Wilson, where many of the region's broadcast and communications antennas and a historic observatory are located. Flames were within two miles of the towers Sunday, fire officials said.

For the third-straight day, humidity was very low and temperatures were expected to be in the high 90s.

The fire traveled six to eight miles overnight, burning as actively during the night as it did during the day, said Forest Service Capt. Mike Dietrich. He said he had never seen a fire grow so quickly without powerful Santa Ana winds to push it.

"The leading edge, the one they're really focused on, is that northern edge. It's moving pretty fast," said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Randi Jorgenson. "But the fire's growing in all directions." RAQUEL MARIA DILLON (AP)



RECORDS Candy Cigarettes Would Have Helped Some smokers go on a puffing binge before quitting cold turkey, but one magician in Scarsdale, N.Y., decided to eat the last of his cigarettes. Richie Magic says he'll never smoke again after his attempt Saturday to break the world record for "orally extinguishing, chewing and expelling" a carton of cigarettes. Magic says he broke the record by chewing up 200 cigarettes in six minutes, 3.7 seconds. "Kids [who watched me eat the cigarettes] told me it was so disgusting that they'd never smoke," Magic said. (AP)



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Solved Kidnapping a Source of Hope

Parents with missing children hope reunion in Calif. isn't the last

MINNEAPOLIS | Patty Wetterling keeps a scrapbook of news clippings about abducted children being reunited with their families years later. It's a source of hope for Wetterling, whose son, Jacob, was abducted nearly 20 years ago in central Minnesota.

Soon, Wetterling will add another child's story to her book: Jaycee Lee Dugard's.

"My heart's smiling," Wetterling said of reports that Dugard



Jerry and Patty Wetterling's son, Jacob, has been missing for nearly 20 years.

had been reunited with her family in California 18 years after she was abducted at age 11. "It doesn't happen often enough, but we always have hope in our hearts that it will."

Dugard's case, and others like it, show families whose children have been missing for years that such reunions are possible.

More than 58,000 children are taken in non-family abductions every year in the U.S., according to Justice Department estimates. Most of those cases are resolved within the first 24 hours, but an estimated 115 children are victims of real kidnapping — in which the child is held, taken a long distance, killed or kept.

Wetterling and some other par-

ents of missing children believe their loved ones still could be out there, just like Dugard. They also know it's unlikely abducted children will seek help, instead becoming dependent on their captors over time.

"These kids don't just come forward on their own; they're most often discovered," said Wetterling of St. Joseph, Minn., who has become a nationally known advocate for missing and exploited children. "They build a life. They're told lies. They do what they need to survive. We need to do what we can to find them." ELIZABETH DUNBAR (AP)

Corzine Says Gadhafi Is Not Welcome in N.J.

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. | More than 200 people gathered in northern New Jersey Sunday to tell Libyan leader



Moammar Gadhafi that he's not welcome in their community. Gov. Jon Cor-

zine was among those attending the event Sunday in Englewood,

where the Libyan government has been renovating an estate ahead of Gadhafi's first U.S. visit.

Relatives of the 38 New Jersey residents killed in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, were at the rally. The attack, which killed 270 people, is widely believed to be the work of Libyan intelligence. (AP)



STIMULUS Think of It as 'Cash for Cuffs' Police in Florida are using the promise of a stimulus check to make some arrests. Authorities in Fort Lauderdale say they sent letters to fugitives offering them stimulus money. The suspects were asked to call a hotline and set up an appointment to pick up a check from an auditorium where "South Florida Stimulus Coalition" banners hung. When the fugitives arrived, they were identified and about 75 were arrested on offenses including grand theft, fraud and attempted murder. (AP)



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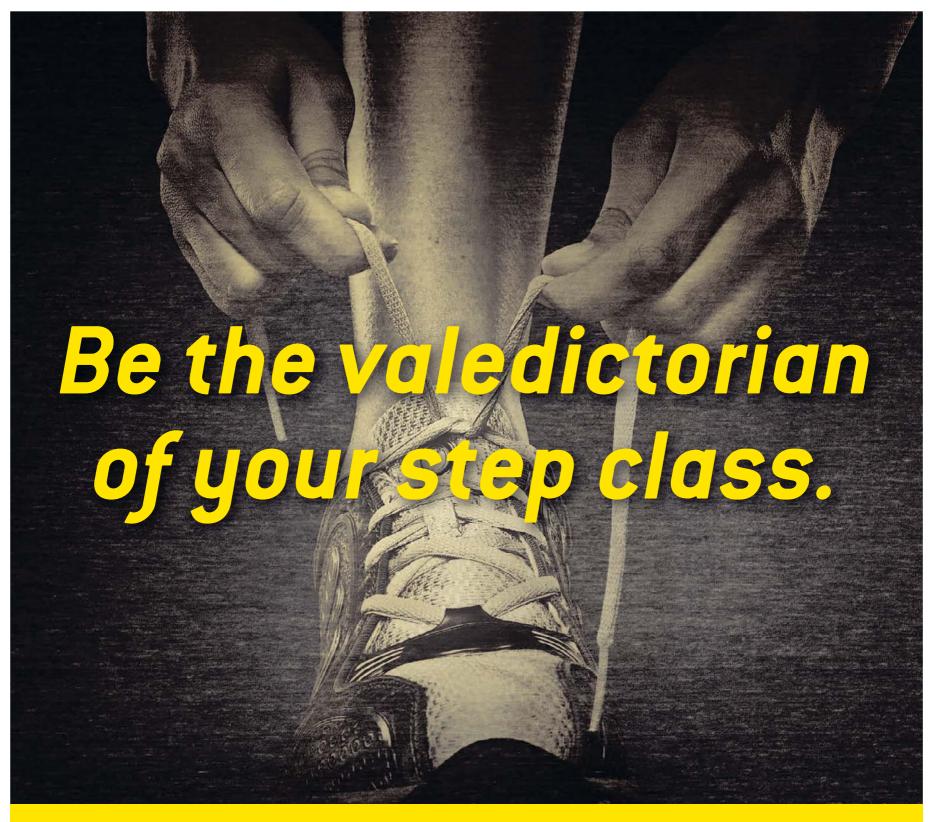


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World

Japan Votes for Historic Change

Ruling party suffers crushing defeat after half-century in power

TOKYO | Japan's opposition swept to a historic victory in elections Sunday, crushing the ruling conservative party that has run the country for most of the postwar era and assuming the daunting task of pulling the economy out of its worst slump since World War II.

Grim-looking Prime Minister Taro Aso conceded defeat just a couple hours after polls had closed, suggesting he would quit as president of the Liberal Democratic Party, which has ruled Japan for all but 11 months since 1955.

"The results are very severe," Aso said. "There has been a deep dissatisfaction with our party."

Unemployment and deflation — and an aging, shrinking popu-



Yukio Hatoyama, leader of Japan's main opposition party, celebrates the results of Sunday's election in Tokyo. He is widely expected to be the new prime minister.

lation — have left families fearful of what the future holds.

Fed up with the LDP, voters

turned overwhelmingly to the opposition Democratic Party of Japan, which ran a populist-leaning platform with plans for cash handouts to families with children and expanding the social safety net.

"This is a victory for the people," said Yukio Hatoyama, leader of the Democrats and almost certainly Japan's next prime minister. "We want to build a new government that hears the voices of the nation."

Hatoyama and his party — an eclectic mix of former Liberal Democrats, socialists and progressives — face a daunting array of challenges, economic and demographic.

Japan's economy has been hit hard amid the global recession and falling demand for its exports. The unemployment rate has spiked to a record 5.7 percent, and younger workers have watched the promise of lifetime employment fade. Incomes are stagnant, and families have cut spending.

In Brief



Pakistani firefighters battle a blaze caused by a blast in Chaman Sunday.

ISLAMABAD

Blast Kills 16 Cadets; NATO Convoy Bombed

Bombings targeted a Pakistani police station and set a NATO fuel convoy ablaze Sunday, killing 16 cadets in the northwest's Swat Valley and threatening the supply line to international forces in Afghanistan in a separate attack near the border. The two blasts hours apart and hundreds of miles from each other came as Pakistani officials said the Taliban were ramping up strikes to avenge recent setbacks. (AP)

LONDON

Report: U.K. Considered Oil Deal in Lockerbie Case

The British government allowed the Lockerbie bomber to be covered by a prisoner transfer agreement with Libya because that was in the "overwhelming interests of the United Kingdom" as a major oil deal was being negotiated, the Sunday Times reported Sunday. (AP)

BOGOTA

President Has Swine Flu

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe has the swine flu. Social Protection Minister Diego Palacio says the 57-year-old Uribe is not considered a high-risk patient and his case is "developing satisfactorily." He is being treated at the presidential residence. (AP)

Olmert Charged With Corruption

JERUSALEM | Former prime minister Ehud Olmert was indicted on corruption charges Sunday, becoming the first Israeli premier to go on trial and highlighting a series of cases that have shaken the public's faith in the political system.

The charges likely end the career of a man who just three years ago seemed poised to lead his nation to a withdrawal from the West Bank and an aggressive push for peace with the Palestinians.

Olmert, who stepped down because of the case, was accused of illegally accepting funds from an American backer; double-billing for official trips abroad and pocketing the difference; concealing funds; and cronvism. (AP)

GERMANY | MAN ON A WIRE



BALANCING ACT: Swiss tightrope walker Freddy Nock, using only a balancing pole, climbs the 3,264-foot-long cable car line on the Zugspitze mountain Sunday. Nock climbed up Germany's highest peak in 50 minutes to raise money for charity.



FONTS **Letter Imperfect?** Ikea, the Swedish furniture chain, said Sunday it never expected such a backlash after switching the typeface in its latest catalog. The decision to make its first such change in 50 years — from the iconic Futura typeface to the Verdana one — has caused a worldwide reaction on the Internet. "We're surprised," said Ikea spokeswoman Camilla Meiby. "But I think it's mainly experts who have expressed their views, people who are interested in fonts. I don't think the broad public is that interested." (AP)

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Blessings for All God's Creatures

D.C. church offers service for pets in need of a prayer

Jacqueline Penrod tightly cradled her cat, Sushi, whose ailments over the past year have included pneumonia, a broken right back paw and a prolonged respiratory virus.

Penrod had sought out veterinarians and medicines, but on Sunday, she went to All Souls Unitarian Church in the District seeking divine intervention for 6-year-old Sushi, a Ragdoll cat, as the church opened it's doors for the second-annual Blessing of the Animals.

"We didn't think he was going to make it," said Penrod, 43, as she sat in the church pews. "I wanted him to have a blessing."

Hundreds of pet owners filled All Souls for the service held in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. "It's a way for us to honor that we are all part of God's creation," said the Rev. Robert M. Hardies, senior minister of All Souls.

The All Souls service, one of various pet blessings held at churches across the country, lasted about an hour and half and ended with a call to the altar of all pets



Layla Behbehani, 7, left, holds her fish as the Rev. Robert Hardies blesses it.

in need of prayer.

"Dogs to the right and everyone else to the left," one church worker announced just before the long prayer lines formed.

Cats, dogs, rabbits, turtles, birds, and even hermit crabs and their owners made their way to the alter to be blessed.

"We want to do as Saint Francis did and call the animals by their name," said Hardies, 37.

Jackson Miller, 8, and his sister, Miranda Schuyler, 5, brought their unnamed pet hermit crabs to church.

They brought different hermit crabs this year than last, since last year's died a few weeks after the pet blessing ceremony.

"I'm hoping they stay alive for the next blessing," Jackson said. YAMICHE ALCINDOR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Arraignment Set For D.C. Museum Shooting Suspect

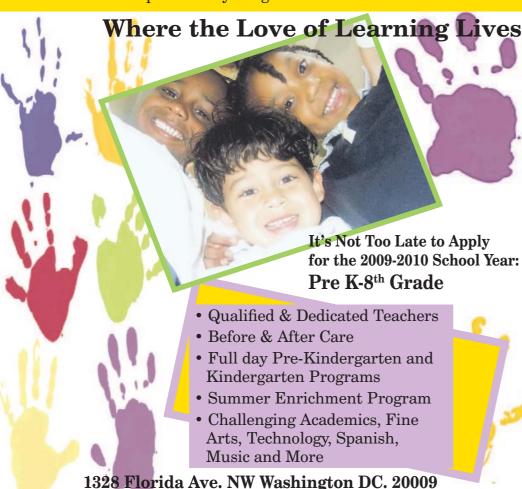
WASHINGTON | A white supremacist charged with killing a security guard at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum is scheduled to be arraigned this week in federal court

James von Brunn, the 89-yearold suspected shooter, was indicted in July on seven counts, including first-degree murder, bias-motivated crime and killing in a federal building. Four of the charges make him eligible for the death penalty if he's convicted.

The arraignment is set for Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Washington. (AP)

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ARLINGTON | FINAL FAREWELL TO KENNEDY



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Many shoppers, especially young consumers such as 30-year-old April Englebert, used to reject coupons as passe or cumbersome.

But Englebert, an accounting clerk in Portland, Ore., was so thrilled when she cut her monthly grocery bill to \$300, mainly with electronic coupons, that she recruited friends to try them.

"It's awesome," Englebert said. "There is a lot of free stuff to be had."

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Sports

Empty Feeling Remains at Va. Tech

10 years after playing in title game, Hokies seek to fill trophy case

HOKIES FOOTBALL | From inside the Merryman Athletic Center, an empty glass case overlooks Virginia Tech's football facility. The intent for the display is made clear by a sign inside of it: "This area is reserved for the national championship trophy."

Ten years ago, the Hokies came close to filling it. A redshirt freshman named Michael Vick and a ferocious defense led Virginia Tech to an undefeated regular season and a berth in the Sugar Bowl, which decided the BCS championship that season. A 46-29 loss to Florida State may have denied the Hokies the title, but it also established the program as a national force and the university as more than simply an engineering school in the Appalachian Mountains.

"I'm not shying away from the fact that I think Virginia Tech can win a national championship," coach Frank Beamer said.

This season, a talented returning cast has helped spark hope among the Hokies that the championship run can be repeated.



With freshman Michael Vick at quarterback, Virginia Tech enjoyed its best season IO years ago. The Hokies hope to return to the national title game this season.

"I know if you knock on the door enough times, hopefully, you knock it in one of these days," Beamer said. "And I think that's where we are."

Just as consecutive ACC championships have set the stage for this season, the 1999 team had

been preceded by success on the national level. The 1995 and 1996 teams advanced to the Sugar and Orange bowls, respectively, and in 1998 the Hokies crushed Alabama, 38-7, in the Music City Bowl.

"In the air, you could sense this was going to be an exciting season,"

said Paul Torgersen, former Virginia Tech president. "And then each game we got through, there was sort of a measure of relief that we won another one."

on the door enough times, hopefully, you knock it in one of these days."

-VA. TECH COACH FRANK BEAMER

The impact of that season has resonated, attracting more applicants to the school. It also probably aided Virginia Tech's bid to join the Atlantic Coast Conference at the start of the 2004 season. And at Lane Stadium, the evidence is tangible: It is replete with luxury suites after a series of upgrades, and its 66,233 seats routinely sell out.

In 2009, fans hope Virginia Tech can reclaim the 10-year-old magic from its initial title run. But for now, every time Beamer enters the Merryman Center, he walks past the Hall of Legends room with its trophy-less trophy case. "I don't always go in," Beamer said, "but I think everybody knows it's there."

Nadal Sets Hopes Low For Open

Former No. 1 player's confidence appears down before major

TENNIS | Give Rafael Nadal credit for looking on the bright side.

Yes, he's been dealing with knee tendinitis. Yes, his French Open winning streak ended. Yes, he decided not to defend his Wim-

bledon championship. Yes, he's dropped from No. 1 to No. 3 in the rankings.

On the other hand, while the Spaniard was sidelined, he got



Nadal

to spend time back home on an idyllic island.

"Yeah, maybe I was injured in the worst moment of the season," Nadal said Sunday. "But at the same time," he continued, "I must have been in Mallorca in the best moment of the season, too."

Nadal is back to his pre-injury practice routine, spending two to 2½ hours on court a day. Still, he didn't sound like someone who thinks he will bring home the U.S. Open title. "You never know," Nadal said, "but reaching the quarterfinals or semifinals would be a good result for me." HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Kicking Competition in Full Swing

Lack of preseason opportunities creates dilemma for Redskins

REDSKINS INSIDER | In three preseason games, the Washington Redskins attempted three field goals. Two were made from within 30 yards; the other was missed from 52 yards.

The lack of game opportuni-

ties has made it difficult for the coaching staff to reach a conclusion about the kicking competition between incumbent Shaun Suisham and challenger Dave Rayner, who has played on five teams in four seasons.

"You'd almost like to stage some of those things, which isn't really good for your football team," special teams coordinator Danny Smith said.



Shaun Suisham makes a 20-yard field goal against the Steelers last week.

When coach Jim Zorn listed the key position battles entering the preseason finale on Thursday against the Jacksonville Jaguars, the kickers were the first that came to his mind.

Suisham made a 20-yarder against the Pittsburgh Steelers but missed the 52-yarder against the New England Patriots.

"It obviously could have helped him if he made that kick," Smith said, "but I don't believe it kills you on one kick, either." ZACH BER-MAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (10 P.M. ON MASN2) The Nats are in Stephen Strasburg's hometown, San Diego, to face the Padres.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN) The O's are probably just hoping to avoid a sweep against the red-hot Yankees.

TENNIS (I P.M. AND 7 P.M. ON ESPN2)

Roger Federer is looking for his third major title of the year as the U.S. Open begins.

THE NUMBER OF hours the University of Michigan's football team spent at training sessions on Sundays last season, according to a report in the Detroit Free Press. If the allegations — told to the paper by former and current players — are true, they would represent a violation of the **NCAA**'s regulations. Teams are allowed to spend only four hours at training sessions per day, with a maximum of 20 hours per week.

Sports

Strasburg Draws a Crowd in Fla.

Nats' top pick begins his life in the spotlight during first practice

NATIONALS | Twelve days, nine hours and 40 minutes after Stephen Strasburg agreed to his record \$15.1-million contract, he squinted into the searing Florida sun, cranked his arm back slightly and tossed his first ball as a member of the Washington Nationals.

He was standing in the thick grass at the Nationals' spring training complex, wearing the same gray shirt and navy shorts as about three dozen members of the Nationals' rookie-ball team, who were preparing for that afternoon's Gulf Coast League game. The historic throw sailed approximately 15 feet and dropped into the waiting glove of Viera Nationals pitching coach Mark Grater at — let the record show — approximately 9:42 a.m. Sunday.

Photographers scrambled, cameras clicked, fans hovered, and pens moved, recording the moment.

"I thought I'd get a little bit of peace out here on the field, but you guys are following me everywhere," said Strasburg, who did not attempt to hide his displea-



Stephen Strasburg signs autographs at the Nats' training facility in Viera, Fla.

sure at the scrutiny he received Sunday on his first day of work in Viera, Fla., nearly three hours north of Miami. "It's something I guess I gotta deal with. I guess it just goes with the territory."

Despite not throwing an actual pitch or stepping on the mound other than to execute defensive drills with Nationals minor-league pitching coordinator Slim Williams, Strasburg was tailed by a small group of journalists, photographers and sweltering autograph-seekers.

"Once I get into playing games and stuff, it should be able to die down," Strasburg said. "Hopefully it will die down sometime soon. ... I'm just a baseball player. It's not like I'm the president or anything."

AMY SHIPLEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

GOLF

Slocum Takes Barclays After Tiger Misses Putt

In a final hour of surprises, Heath Slocum delivered the biggest

one Sunday at the Barclays. Slocum finished off a compelling afternoon at Liberty National by making a 20-foot par putt on the 18th hole



Slocum

for a one-shot victory over Tiger Woods and a cast of stars. Woods was one shot behind when he fired a 6-iron from 189 yards into 7 feet on the final hole. However, Woods missed the putt and shot 67, then had to wait to see whether there would be a playoff. (AP)

NF

Bengals Sign First-Round Pick After Long Holdout

Offensive tackle Andre Smith signed a contract Sunday with the Cincinnati Bengals, ending an impasse that dragged on a month into the preseason. The Bengals originally planned to have Smith start at right tackle, but he has missed all three preseason games. (AP)

MLB SCOREBOARD

Royals 3, Mariners 0

Angels 9, Athletics 1

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Twins 5, Rangers 3

Brewers 4, Pirates 1

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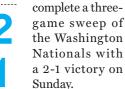
Diamondbacks 4, Astros 3

→ For results of Sunday night's games, visit washingtonpost.com.

Wainwright Gets 16th Victory as Cardinals Sweep

NATIONALS | Adam Wainwright won his major league-leading 16th game and Albert Pujols had the go-ahead hit in the sixth inning, helping the St. Louis Cardinals





Colby Rasmus had two hits and scored twice for the NL Central leaders, who have won five of six and are 29-4 since July 1 in starts by their top three — Wainwright, Chris Carpenter and Joel Pineiro. Pujols had two hits and was 5 for 10 in the series with an RBI in each game, including a game-winning ninth-inning homer on Friday.

Elijah Dukes had an RBI single for the Nationals, who have lost 10 of 13. (AP)

LITTLE LEAGUE | CALIF. TEAM TAKES TITLE



VICTORY PILE: The Chula Vista, Calif., team celebrates winning the Little League World Series championship game 6-3 over Taoyuan, Taiwan, on Sunday in Williamsport, Pa. The victory was the fifth-straight title for a team from the U.S.



BASEBALL And He's Taking His Big Swing, Too The NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers added to their infield depth on Sunday, getting Ronnie Belliard from the Washington Nationals for a minor league pitcher and a player to be named. The Dodgers sent Class A pitcher Luis Garcia to the Nationals. The 34-year-old Belliard batted .246 with five homers and 22 RBI for Washington. He'll join the Dodgers in Los Angeles before their game Monday against Arizona, making him eligible for postseason play. (AP)



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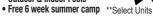
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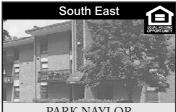
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The Comeback Diva

Whitney Houston, the singer who defined a generation, returns with 'I Look to You'

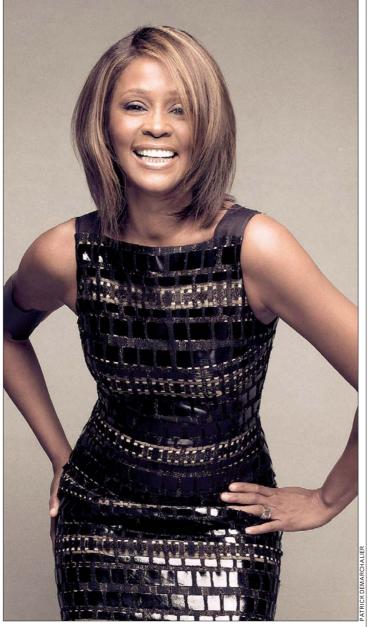
MUSIC | Certain voices stand like monuments upon the landscape of 20th-century pop, defining the architecture of their times, sheltering the dreams of millions and inspiring the climbing careers of countless imitators. Whitney Houston owns one of those voices.

When she was at her best, nothing could match her huge, clean, cool mezzo-soprano — not Madonna's canny chirp, not Bono's stone church wail nor Bruce Springsteen's ramshackle growl. No, it

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was Houston who best embodied the feminine but gym-toned, black-inspired but aspirationally post-racial sound of global crossover pop. Like a Trump skyscraper, Houston the singer was as showily dominant as corporate capitalism itself.

Then, like many a glorious edifice, Houston's voice fell into disrepair. Drug addiction and a rocky



THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Houston's new record might not soar like her '90s offerings, but it is certainly bent on recapturing the hearts of her fans.

marriage to Bobby Brown made her a tabloid staple. More tragically (for listeners, at least), her excesses trashed her instrument, which age and normal wear and tear would have imperiled anyway.

"I Look to You," the singer's comeback after nearly a decade of ignominy, is a costly renovation overseen by her mentor, Clive Davis, and enacted by the best craftspeople money can buy. It's not unsuccessful: This is a habitable set of songs. But there's a limit to what Houston can accomplish, and operating within limits becomes the album's overriding theme.

This happens beneath the music's surface, which balances inspirational balladry with bubblicious club pop, as Houston's music always has done. Houston's songwriters and producers provide her with top-notch tools; she wields them cautiously and almost humbly, never falling because she never reaches too high.

The best giant ballad is the Diane Warren-penned, David Foster-produced "I Didn't Know My Own Strength," an exhibition of battle scars that's richer for the weary, injury-protecting quality of Houston's vocal. If she does earn the Grammy she's virtually been promised for a song from this set, it should be for this one.

Though "I Look to You" doesn't soar like in the old days, it's fine to hear Houston working on her own recovery plan. ANN POWERS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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PERFORMANCES | Highlights of this summer's CMA Music Festival will air tonight on ABC, with performances by Kenny Chesney, Brad Paisley, Taylor Swift, Sugarland, Reba McEntire, Kid Rock and many more.

"CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock" will air from 8 to 11 p.m. This is the sixth year the Country Music Association's four-day festival has been filmed for network TV.

Besides musical performances, the show will feature offstage moments with the stars.

The CMA says attendance at the June festival averaged 56,000 a day, up from 52,000 a year ago.

Known as "Fan Fair" when it started in 1972, the festival is a chance for fans to attend performances and even meet their favorite country singers. (AP)



BOX OFFICE **Death Amuses Them** Movie fans have made fear their top destination at the weekend box office. The horror tale "The Final Destination" debuted as the No. I movie, with \$28.3 million. It's the latest installment in the franchise about people stalked by death after a premonition saves them from their destined demise. "Final Destination" took over the top spot from Quentin Tarantino and Brad Pitt's World War II saga "Inglourious Basterds," which slipped to second place with \$20 million. (AP)

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Celebrity DJ AM Dies

Adam Goldstein was a recovering addict who cheated death less than a year ago

OBIT | DJ AM, the celebrity disc jockey who publicly acknowledged his history of drug addiction, was found dead in his apartment Fridday. He was 36.

Police found a crack pipe and prescription pills in the Manhattan apartment, said a law enforcement official. Paramedics had to break down the door before they found him, shirtless and wearing sweatpants, in his bed around 5:20 p.m. on Friday, the official said.

Authorities will need to conduct toxicology tests, expected to take weeks, to determine what killed him, a medical examiner's office spokeswoman said Saturday.

An autopsy Saturday was inconclusive, said the spokeswoman, Ellen Borakove.

DJ AM, whose real name was Adam Goldstein, had openly discussed past addictions to crack cocaine, Ecstasy and other drugs, addictions so bad he once tried to commit suicide by shooting himself in the head — but the gun jammed. However, he claimed he had been drug-free for years, even swearing off cigarettes.

Goldstein was a DJ for hire who performed at Hollywood's most exclusive parties and was admired by music aficionados. He also was famous for relationships with reality TV star Nicole Richie, the daughter of singer Lionel Richie, and with actress-singer Mandy Moore.

Goldstein was critically injured



last September when a Learjet | DJ AM (Adam Goldstein) survived a plane crash in September that killed four people.

crashed on takeoff in Columbia, S.C. The plane was transporting Goldstein and Travis Barker, a drummer for the pop punk band Blink-182, after a performance; the pair had formed the duo TRVSDJ-AM.

At the time, he told People

Goldstein performed at Hollywood's most exclusive parties and was admired by music aficionados.

magazine he was grateful to survive.

"I can't believe I made it," he said. "I've prayed every night for the past 10 years. There's a lot more to thank God for now. ... I was saved for a reason. Maybe I'm going to help someone else. I don't question it. All I know is I'm thankful to be here," colleen long and nekesa MUMBI MOODY (AP)

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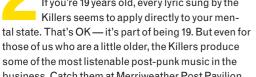
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tonight, backed up by psych-folk band Wolfmother. F.Z. → Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md.; 6 p.m., \$35-\$45; 202-397-7328, Merriweathermusic.com.

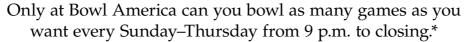


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Bravo's 'Rachel Zoe Project' is all fashion and no perspective

DELUSION | Now in its second season, "The Rachel Zoe Project" (10 p.m., Bravo) features an underfed and overworked stylist to the stars who barks out orders with one of the least-pleasant voices on television.

Zoe's husband arrives from time to time, just to remind us that he exists and that she's never with him. Instead, Zoe spends all of her waking hours with her assistants Taylor and Brad.

Brad favors large glasses and an exaggerated preppy style. He makes double entendres that wouldn't tax the dirty minds of seventh-graders. Tragically coiffed Taylor has been working for Zoe long enough to resent her, mostly because Zoe treats her like a gofer and conspires with Brad to tease her for having a



Rachel Zoe is so busy dressing her clients that she doesn't have time to eat!

woman's body.

Zoe and her team invest their "work" (providing party clothes for celebrities), shopping and an attitude of fretful materialism with all the importance of a surgeon performing an organ transplant.

Hard work and professionalism are to be respected, certainly. But the rule on the "Rachel Zoe Project" is: Substitute work and unbridled celebrity obsession for what some of us call "a life." KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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ULTIMATE CAKE OFF (10 p.m., TLC) offers multiple layers of intrigue.

IRON OUT THOSE WRINKLES The documentary YOUTH KNOWS

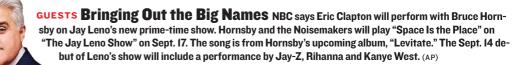
NO PAIN (9 p.m., HBO) examines America's \$60 billion anti-aging industry.

DIRE STRAITS

Nancy tries to stay afloat in the season finale of WEEDS (10 p.m., Showtime).

A MUSICAL GUEST

Dirty Projectors perform on LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (11:35 p.m., CBS). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



weddings lookout

BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS



Robert Tolson, Tanisha Wilson

Robert, 37, is a government contractor. Tanisha, 29, is a recruiter. They will live in D.C.

- The Main Event: A "big family gathering"-like wedding on Sept. 6 in Washington with 260 guests. She'll walk down the aisle to Pure Soul's "We Must Be in Love" and he'll walk to K-Ci and JoJo's "This Very Moment."
- How They Met: A mutual friend, who Robert was dating long-distance at the time. introduced them, but they didn't

meet in person for a few months.

- First Impressions: "He was a cutie.
 I was thinking, 'I have got to get to know him better.'"
- First Date: Their first meeting a mixer at his frat house was their first date
- How He Proposed: In church on New Year's Eve. "I knew I wanted to start my new life with her in a new year and a place that was significant," he says. "I cried like a baby," Tanisha says.
- Stupidest Fight: "When we drove all the way back to her house to make sure she closed the garage door."
- Pet Names: She's "Compact Cutie."
- With Unlimited Funds: He would invite more people and have an ice sculpture.

"I knew I wanted to start my new life with her in a new year and a significant place."



Sneaky, Sneaky

What happens when a reporter and an intelligence analyst get together? A fitting proposal. Not even **CAITLIN KING**'s nose for news helped this video journalist sniff out **NICK ROSSMANN**'s scheme ahead of time. When he asked her to accompany him to the Newseum one winter night, she thought the occasion was his office's holiday party. "As we walked by the display of newspapers outside the building, I saw a newspaper headline that read: 'Caitlin, Will You Marry Me?' with a big picture of us beneath it." As she said yes, she heard a camera clicking. "I thought it must be a tourist, but it turned out to be an undercover photographer Nick had hired to capture the proposal!" A surprise engagement party followed immediately.

Caitlin and Nick, both 27, live in Arlington. They're tying the knot Sept. 18 in Clarendon.



Vanessa Bilanceri.

professional and yoga instructor.

Jeremy, 29, is the COO of a nonprofit. They live in D.C.

- The Main Event: A small ceremony they designed themselves to celebrate their religious backgrounds (she's Episcopal; he's Jewish) Sept. 6 in D.C.
- How They Met: In college. But with more than 50,000 students at the University of Texas at Austin, they didn't meet until they were both selected for a D.C. internship program in 2002.
- First Impressions: "She was a bit preppy, but her interest in Texas football, politics and travel really was appealing."
- First Date: The Prime Rib on K

"He said it was a perfect place to ask me to marry him. I said, 'OK, so ask me!"

Stroot

- How He Proposed: They were vacationing in Salta, Argentina. She said the ranch house they were staying in "was the most romantic place I had ever been." He was glad, he replied, because he thought it was a perfect place to ask her to marry him. "I said, 'OK, so ask me!"
- Pet Names: He calls her "Mula Bandha," jokingly, after a yoga pose. "I like how it sounds in Sanskrit."
- Stupidest Fight: Over cleaning the bathroom. "He sheds like crazy, and the hair needs to be picked up more frequently than he would like to!"
- With Unlimited Funds: She'd have a I0-piece Latin band.

Brian Baxter, Shante Venable

Brian, 27, is a telecommunications tech. Shante, 23, is a video operations tech. They live in Upper Marlboro.

- The Main Event: They exchanged vows in front of 175 people on Aug. 29 in Upper Marlboro.
- Honeymoon: Caesars Pocono Resorts and Las Vegas.
- How They Met: "I have known

Shante forever — since elementary school — just never had the heart to say anything to her." One day, she was visiting his sister and he decided he was determined to get her number. "He called later that night to ask where I was; I told him, and he popped up there. From that day forward, I couldn't get rid of him."

■ First Date: His place for a romantic dinner and movies. "I fell in love that day," Shante says.



■ How He Proposed: Brian woke Shante up early and took her to get her nails done and then to breakfast. Finally, once they got home, he asked her to be his wife. "She said yes and started taking pictures of the ring, sending it to everyone she knew."

- Stupidest Fight: Over a bag of chips. When she asked for one chip, "I told her to open her own." "I went off," Shante says.
- Most Hated Clothing Items: Her hair scarf and his Coogi jeans.
- Pet Names: Brian is "Pooh Bear," "because he is so lovable and cute like a teddy bear." She's "Princess," "because I would give her the world."



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WILL TED KENNEDY'S DEATH HELP THE CHANCES FOR HEALTH-CARE REFORM?

RESULTS FROM FRIDAY'S QUESTION



69%



"Why? Congress [members] **should not** use him as a martyr for a bad program that they indicate they would not sign up for. I am sure they will try, though."

COMMENTER GAS ON THE FIRE

"Having failed to make the case using facts or morality, about all the Obama crew has left is emotionalism. As the idea that should be their motto says, never let a crisis (or tragedy) go to waste."

COMMENTER FBM

"His death should have nothing to do with whether they pass the health care bill. The people do not want the bill in its present form."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

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"NEXT THE PARTIES will start, the crime will rise and the winter-long student-resident battle will ensue. I believe it is time for me to vacate this hos-

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tile enemy territory."





"HALF-STAFF massive flags left and right. I think the car dealerships in [Maryland] are having a competition for who can mourn Teddy the best."

TWITTER.COM/A_ECKERZ SEEMS A BIT SURPRISED BY THE OSTENTATIOUS DIS-PLAYS OF MOURNING BY SOME FOR TED KENNEDY, WHO WAS LAID TO REST AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

"I'm sorry ... but I don't see how a white bicycle reminds the general public about the death that occurred there."

A COMMENTER AT WASHINGTONCITYPAPER.COM/BLOGS/CITYDESK HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE DISTRICT'S DECISION TO REMOVE THE GHOST BIKE MEMORIAL FOR ALICE SWANSON AT CONNECTICUT AVENUE AND R STREET.

"Jenna [Hager] is nice and fun! And know what? This is actually somewhat likable in it's complete and utter bold-faced stunt casting nature."

GAWKER.COM IS GLAD TO SEE EX-PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH'S DAUGHTER WILL BE A CORRESPONDENT FOR NBC'S "TODAY" SHOW. HAGER, 27 — A SCHOOLTEACHER WHO LIVES IN BALTIMORE - WILL CONTRIBUTE STORIES ABOUT ONCE A MONTH

"IT'S UNCLEAR how much stuff like this might actually impact the election, but it's undeniable that [Robert] McDonnell has tried to disassociate himself from his more conservative past."

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



76°



59°



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Wednesday



Mostly sunny

80° / 64°

Thursday



82° / 65°

Friday



82° / 66°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun. **Temperature** High Low Normal high Normal low Average humidity

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m	. 0.01"
Month to date	. 2.46"
Normal month to date	. 3.32"
Year to date	26.66"
Last year to date	33.55"
Normal year to date	26.14"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy. High 76. Wind northnortheast 7-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 59. Wind north-northeast 6-I2 mph.

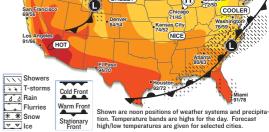
Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:36 a.m
Sunset tonight 7:40 p.m
Moonrise today 5:36 p.m
Moonset today 2:35 a.m.





National Weather for Monday, August 31



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	80/63/sh	78/63/c
Boston	75/57/s	71/55/s
Chicago	71/45/s	74/48/s
Dallas	88/67/pc	92/71/s
Denver	84/54/pc	89/54/pc
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/76/s
os Angeles	91/66/s	91/66/pc
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New York City	74/61/s	75/62/s
Orlando	92/75/t	90/75/t

79/55/s

World Cities

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s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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comics lookout

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"About the head scarf: This is a place of business. Might want to tone it down."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan









Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis





YOU DIDN'T MAKE





The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not feel as though you are being judged appropriately at this time. Make your feelings known; don't stop doing what you're doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're feeling good about yourself and what lies ahead at this time. Someone close to you is eager to follow your lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Someone else's good fortune needn't be a cause for envy. Rather, you can find it inspiring; don't hesitate to reach for more. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may find it difficult to keep up the pace, but

don't let a slowdown threaten every-

thing you're striving for.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be surprised to learn that others already know what you've been preparing to reveal to them. Your attitude may change as a result.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Accuracy is the key to success at this time. Guesswork and random action are not a part of the plan — so avoid them at all costs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can do what you have to do, but you may have to smooth things over with the powersthat-be after all is said and done.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be taking things far too personally at this time. Sure, things are getting a little emotional, but don't make them worse.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be more directly affected by distant affairs than anyone else in your immediate circle. You are in touch in a different way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have what it takes to prevail in an uncertain environment; don't let the critics get you down. Things may be quite intense.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You know better than most how to take full advantage of the kinds of coincidences that have others confused and uncertain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Concentrate on fine-tuning both your current strategies and your current tactics. You've been preparing for some time; you want to get it right.

Today in History

1888 Mary Ann Nichols, the apparent first victim of "Jack the Ripper," is found slain in London's Fast End.

1969 Boxer Rocky Marciano dies in a light-airplane crash in Iowa, a day before his 46th birthday.

1988 A Delta Boeing 727 crashes during takeoff from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, killing 14 people.

Detroit's teachers go on strike, wiping out the first day of class for 172,000 students in one of the largest teachers' strikes in years.

At the Republican National Convention in New York, first lady Laura Bush and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger praise President George W. Bush as a man of strength and compassion.



First lady Laura Bush speaks at the Republican National Convention in '04.

 $2008^{\,\,\text{With Hurricane}}_{\,\,\text{Gustav approach-}}$ ing New Orleans, Mayor Ray Nagin pleads with the last of its residents to get out, imposes a dusk-to-dawn curfew on those who are staying and warns looters they will be sent directly to prison.







lookout people



Since there are no pictures of the couple together, the more famous one wins.

Jim Groupies Caught Completely Off Guard

"The Office" star JOHN KRASINSKI and "The Devil Wears Prada" star **EMILY BLUNT** are engaged. His publicist, Liz Mahoney, confirmed Friday that the two are set to wed. She did not elaborate. The couple have been extremely secretive about their relationship since they began dating in November 2008. (AP)

News Flash: They Are Nice To Each Other in Real Life

KATHERINE HEIGL hosted a baby shower for "Grey's Anatomy" costar **ELLEN POMPEO** on Saturday. "Grev's" actresses SANDRA OH and KATE WALSH also attended. The baby is due in October. (EXPRESS)

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Looking Back in Anger

Oasis guitarist NOEL GALLAGHER, left, has spoken out about his decision to leave the Britpop band. In a letter to fans posted on the band's Web site Saturday, Gallagher says "the level of verbal and violent intimidation towards me, my family, friends and comrades has become intolerable." Gallagher offers no details about the intimidation. (AP)

CHANGE

A Bush Elects Not To Push for **A Contrived Political Career**

NBC's "Today" show has hired someone with White House experience as a new correspondent - former first daughter JENNA BUSH HAGER. Hager, a 27-year-old teacher in Baltimore, will contribute stories about once a month on issues such as education to TV's

Hager won't follow in her father's questionable footsteps.

top-rated morning news show, said Jim Bell, its executive producer. The daughter of former president George W. Bush said she has always wanted to be a teacher and a writer, and has already authored two books. But she was intrigued

by the idea of getting into television

when Bell contacted her. (AP)



Twain plans to keep her ex-best friend guessing for just a little while longer.

TRANSLATION:

'Take That, You Heartless, **Home-Wrecking Jezebel**'

SHANIA TWAIN recently referred to her "dear friend" FRÉDÉRIC THIÉBAUD as a source of love and support on her Web site. There has been speculation about a romance between the two. Thiébaud is the ex-husband of Marie-Anne Thiébaud, Twain's former best friend who had an affair with Twain's ex-husband, Mutt Lange, in 2008. (EXPRESS)

Residents of Depressed Area Get Excited, Are Let Down Big Time

Rapper 50 CENT has canceled a "Family Day" fair he had planned in his old Queens neighborhood in New York City amid police concerns about security for the event. The fair had been planned for Sunday at a school yard in the borough's Jamaica

section, blocks from a spot where the rapper was shot and wounded in 2000, the New York Post reported. (AP)





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Friday's Solution

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